

Atty. Dkt. No. 039153-0694 (H1725)

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 17-20 are requested to be cancelled without prejudice. Claim 9 is currently being amended. Claims 21-24 are being added. No new matter is added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-16 and 21-24 are now pending in this application.

On Page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has restricted the application to Group I (Claims 1-16, drawn to a method of manufacturing) and Group II (Claims 17-20, drawn to an integrated circuit). Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. However, Applicant has cancelled Claims 17-20 without prejudice and hereby elects the claims of Group I to advance prosecution. Applicant has also added Claims 21-23 drawn to the subject matter of Group I. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

On Page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has required election to a single disclosed feature under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner states that Group I contains Species 1A, Claims 1-8 directed to a method of manufacturing an integrated circuit having trench isolation regions in a substrate and Species 1B, Claims 9-16, directed to a method of forming trench isolation liners in a CMOS IC. Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement. To advance prosecution, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Species 1A. Applicant also notes that Claims 21-24 are directed to Species 1A. Applicant has also amended Claim 9 so that claims 9-14 are now drawn toward Species 1A.

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Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance.  
Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a  
telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be  
required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to  
Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check  
being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even  
entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit  
Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers  
submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and  
authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

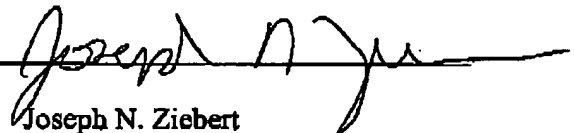
Respectfully submitted,

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